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Response to Restriction Requirement

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated 25 January 2002, alleging that all claims are generic.

With respect, the allegation is not understood. Claim 1 currently calls for a process of producing a vegetable oil enriched by an essential oil from at least one plant. There is a typographical error in the last line but two of the claim where "arts" should be corrected to --parts--. An appropriate amendment by the Examiner would be appreciated.

Claim 2 sets for a range of ratios of oils seeds and plant parts.

Claim 3 defines the moisture contents of the plant parts.

Claims 4 - 6 defines process steps.

Claim 7 defines the species of the oil seeds.

Claim 8 defines groups of plants from which the plant parts are *taken*, viz.:
spice, medicinal, fragrance and flavoring plants.

Claim 9 defines a number of spice plants.


Claim 10 defines a number of medicinal plants.

Claim 11 defines a number of fragrance plants.

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Since claims 2 - 11 depend, either directly or indirectly, from genus claim 1, the allegation of all claims being generic would seem to be in error and should be withdrawn which is earnestly urged.

Respectfully submitted,



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